



MEDIA ALERT

Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona
Environmental Protection Agency

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WIFA and EPA to honor two Arizona water projects

WHO: Alexis Strauss, Water Quality Director at the Environmental Protection Agency
Steve Owens, WIFA Chairman and Director of Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
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David Crockett, Flowing Wells Irrigation District Superintendent
Eric Anderson, Flowing Wells Irrigation District Board Member

WHAT: The EPA will award its Clean Water State Revolving Fund "Pisces" Award to the City of Bullhead City, who used a \$31 million loan from WIFA to transition off septic tanks and onto a sewer system. The transition protects groundwater and the Colorado River from potential contamination – critical to California and Mexico who use water from the river. Golf courses and parks also use reclaimed water from the system.

Flowing Wells Irrigation District will receive the EPA's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund "Aquarius" Award. The Flowing Wells Irrigation District was one of the state's first communities to move to comply with the new federal arsenic rule. Arsenic occurs naturally in soil and groundwater in Arizona. The district used a \$996,600 drinking water state revolving loan from WIFA to build an arsenic treatment plant and met the lower arsenic level before the rule went into effect in January 2006.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 5, 2006
Presentation begins at 11:30 a.m.
Call time is 11:15 a.m.

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